

Statement from Leslie Ponder, wife Tre Ponder

Our family appreciates the overwhelming and sincere outpouring of sympathy from the local community at this very difficult time. Your support is appreciated as we mourn the loss of Tre – a devoted husband, a loving father and dedicated Soldier.

Tre spent the majority of his Army career supporting a unit he loved. The 160th was like a second family to him. He believed firmly in the principles ingrained in him from an early age – loyalty, perseverance, and an overwhelming sense of patriotism. Tre would want to be remembered as someone who died the way he lived – providing support for some of America's finest young men.

While we sincerely appreciate the nation's interest in Tre's life and his contributions to this great nation, we ask that the media respect our privacy and allow us time to grieve.